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Ms. Karen Majcher
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Washington, D.C. 20036

RE: Certification of High Cost Support for Rural Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R.
Sections 54.314, CC Docket No. 96-45 (NCUC Docket No. P-100, Sub 133n)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to rural carriers in this state will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This includes High Cost Loop support (HCL), Local Switching Support (LSS), and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

Attached as Appendix A is a list of rural carriers certified by the NCUC pursuant to Section 54.314 of the FCC's rules (47 C.F.R. § 54.314), which requires states to establish an annual certification process for rural carriers receiving federal high cost support. As requested by the Universal Service Administrative Company, listed beside each carrier is its assigned study area code (SAC), if known.

Very truly yours,

Edward S. Finley, Jr.
Chairman

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Attached: Appendix A

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Appendix A

LIST OF ELIGIBLE RURAL CARRIERS

<u>Company</u>	<u>SAC Code</u>
Barnardsville Telephone Company	230469
Citizens Telephone Company	230473
Windstream Concord Telephone Company (formerly, Concord Telephone Company)	230474
Ellerbe Telephone Company	230478
Windstream LEXCOM Telephone Company	230483
North State Telephone Company	230491
MEBTEL, Inc.	230485
Pineville Telephone Company	230494
Randolph Telephone Company	230495
Saluda Mountain Telephone Company	230498
Service Telephone Company LLC	230500
Windstream North Carolina, Inc. (formerly, ALLTEL Carolina, Inc.)	230476